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War tragedies hit home

Memorial service to be held Monday

Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland
Managing Editor

A memorial service for eight fallen Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment will be held at 11

a.m. Monday at the base theatre. The tribute to the Marines killed while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom comes just a week after their deaths in the Al Anbar province. Col. Jeff Patterson, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment, told the *Honolulu Advertiser* Tuesday, as a Marine and the father of a Marine, he personally feels the pain of the fami-

lies of those killed. "But I can also tell you that [the deaths] only serve to strengthen our resolve and determination to rid the country of terrorists," he added. "I can guarantee the people of Iraq that they will some day be free of terrorists." According to a statement released by Multinational Force Iraq, the Marines were "conducting increased

security operations" in Al Anbar province, when a driver detonated a car bomb near a Marine convoy, killing eight Marines and wounding nine others. The Marines from 1/3 to be honored are: Pfc. John Lukac, 19, of Las Vegas; Lance Cpl. Andrew G. Riedel, 19, of Northglenn, Colo.; Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Bow, 20, of Lemoore, Calif.; Lance Cpl. John T. Byrd II, 23,

of Fairview, W.V.; Lance Cpl. Travis A. Fox, 25, of Cowpens, S.C.; Lance Cpl. Michael P. Scarborough, 28, of Washington, Ga.; and Cpl. Christopher J. Lapka, 22, of Peoria, Ariz. Also, 19-year-old Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum, Weapons Company 1/3, who died in a non-

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Four more years Bush succeeds

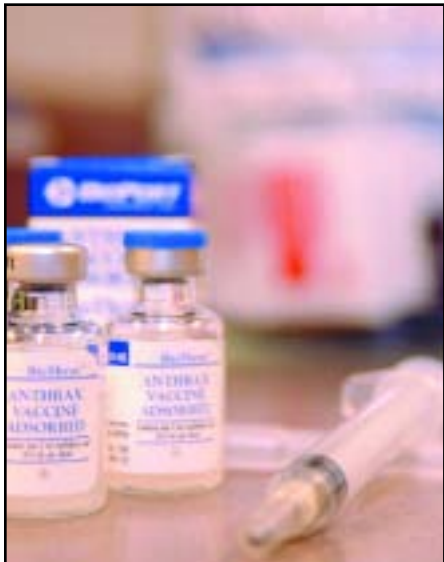
Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush will remain the commander in chief of the U.S. military for four more years. Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry conceded the election in a phone call to the president Wednesday morning, and did so publicly Wednesday afternoon in Boston. Bush spoke later in the day here. During the campaign, Bush vowed to continue to take the war to the terrorists. He pointed to the successful elections in Afghanistan as proof his policy against terrorists was working. The next foreseeable major milestone

in the war on terrorism is the January elections in Iraq. Iraqis will elect representatives to write the country's constitution. Under Bush, more than 75 percent of the known al Qaeda leaders have been killed or captured. A number of terrorist cells in Europe, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Asia have been disrupted or destroyed. U.S. military personnel will continue to be an important part of the war on terrorism. Service members in Iraq will work to train the Iraqi Army, Iraqi police and Iraqi National Guard. There are now about 110,000 members of the Iraqi security forces trained and equipped. Officials expect that by the elections in January, the number of trained and equipped forces will be over 145,000. Those forces, under the command of the Iraqi interim government, will continue to work closely with coalition forces to maintain security and extend the central government into all parts of Iraq, officials said.

See **BUSH**, A-8

DoD puts hold on anthrax vaccines



Sgt. Valerie A. Martinez
A temporary injunction has ordered the DoD to stop issuing the anthrax vaccination until further notice from the FDA.

Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon
U.S. Marine Forces Pacific

Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii — The Defense Department put a temporary pause on all anthrax shots to military personnel while they review an injunction issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Oct. 27. This is similar to the temporary injunction issued last December, at which time the Department of Defense paused the vaccination program for two weeks. pending clarification of legal issues. It was subsequently concluded the anthrax vaccination is an important force protection measure, and research conducted by the most prominent medical experts determined the vaccine is safe and effective for all forms of anthrax exposure. This new injunction is based on a con-

See **ANTHRAX**, A-8

'One shot, one kill'



Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards
Cpl. Ronnie Bustamante, scout sniper with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, double checks his arithmetic after using applied mathematics to ensure the "dope" on his M40-A3 sniper rifle is correct. See A-3 for the story on 2/3's scout snipers.

LRC offers fast MCI turnaround

Composite scores can still be increased

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With the quarterly deadline for composite score changes fast approaching, junior Marines still have time to increase their chances of getting promoted. The Learning Resource Center offers 40 different workstations set up with online interactive computer-based training. These workstations provide service members access to MarineNet and Marine Corps Institute programs, which enable users to complete MCIs online, which is faster than ordering them by mail. The center has slowly been gaining ground with service members here, but the

lack of information and knowledge regarding the online interactive computer-based training is still keeping the facility's numbers on the low end of the spectrum. "Any active duty or reserve service member can take advantage of the facility," said Adam J. Wazzan, senior network analyst at the LRC, located in room 108 of building 221 here. "We have so much to offer, but it is hard to get the word out. It is one of the Marine Corps' best kept secrets." With the mid-November cutoff for composite scores just around the corner, the center saves crucial time for junior Marines trying to get promoted. "Using this facility is a quick way for Marines to move up in rank by completing MCIs online, without having to wait for them in the mail," said Wazzan. "The facility is a self-paced learning environment, they can do five minutes of their training one day, and finish another three-

and-a-half hours the next. Or if they are fast, they can do it all in one hour. It all depends on the individual." According to Wazzan, users can order MCIs, go through the course, take the test and submit it all at their workstation. Once they submit their exam, within 10 minutes they will receive their certificate of completion and score, and any earned credits will be sent to their transcripts. Students will only receive credits for their Marine Corps Institute courses; the information technology and business and management courses will offer personal improvement, but no credit. All the training provided through the programs is free of charge. The LRC has more than 400 business courses available, everything from Accounting 101 and Business Writing, to Customer Service, Business Law and Leadership, and Human

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K-Bay honored at HECO Awards

Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards
Press Chief

HONOLULU — MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, was recognized for its community leadership in energy efficiency during the Hawaiian Electric Company's sixth annual Energy Efficiency Awards, held Oct. 28 at the Sheraton Waikiki. MCBH received the Hawaiian Electric Company Energy Efficiency Award in the multiple facilities category for several recently completed energy savings projects on the base. Hawaiian Electric encourages all businesses and organizations to embrace energy-efficient consumer technologies. They say it not only makes good business sense, but also helps businesses improve operations and maintain a competitive edge. Their Energy Efficiency Awards program recognizes those businesses and organizations preparing for the future by utilizing energy efficiency technologies today. "MCB Hawaii was one of five award winners from a field

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NEWS BRIEFS

229th Marine Corps Birthday MCB Hawaii Celebration

The Uniform Pageant and Cake Cutting Ceremony will be held at Pop Warner Field Tuesday at 10 a.m. Uniform of the Day is Service Charlies.

A special birthday luncheon will be served at Anderson Hall from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

PME with Gen. Anthony Zinni

In conjunction with the 2004 Marine Corps Birthday Ball, retired Gen. Anthony Zinni will provide a Professional Military Education session for all officers, staff noncommissioned officers and government service employees (GS-7 and above). Spouses are also invited to attend.

The 90-minute session will be held at the Base Theatre here Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. An Officer Call will be held following the PME at the O'Club. Spouses are also invited to the Officer Call.

Pacific War Memorial Lecture

Lt. Gen. Henry C. Stackpole will be the guest speaker at the Pacific War Memorial Lecture Series 2-04 scheduled to be held Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the base theater. The lecture is open to the MCB Hawaii military community.

Random Environmental Radon Testing

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Environmental Department will be testing random base housing units for radon in November. All housing residents should have received a notification letter from base environmental.

For more information on radon or the testing, contact Perry Ayers at 257-6920 or Randall Hu at 257-6920 ext. 231.

Blue Angels Scrip Refunds

Unused scrip purchased at the Blues on the Bay Air Show may be refunded at Marine Corps Exchange Cash Cage until Nov. 18. Call Jim Bocci at 254-7679 for details.

Picnic Area Closure

The Riseley Field picnic area is closed through January for landscaping and irrigation upgrades. Units and others coordinating Family Day get-togethers and other such events need to plan accordingly. During this period, all parties are encouraged not to walk across or otherwise transit the area, in order to protect new grass growth.

New Residential Lockout Procedures

As of Monday, base residents are responsible for gaining access to their homes in case of lockouts. In the past, the Command Duty Officer for MCB Hawaii assisted residents who were locked out. The MCBH CDO will no longer provide this service.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Letters to the Editor

The *Hawaii Marine* welcomes comments for the "Letters to the Editor" section. Letters should be clear and concise. The *Hawaii Marine* staff reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and length. Comments must be signed with a full name and a telephone number must be provided.

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In the CG's Mailbox



BRIG. GEN.
TRAUTMAN III

Sir,

There are three types of Sailors who commute to the flight line area for work: those who wake up early and coast into prime parking spots, those who patiently wait for spots to open, and then there are those who wake up late and circle the flight line in a rushed frenzy, only to throw caution to the wind by parking illegally in imaginary parking spots, on the grass, and in red zones.

I say the problem is not a lack of parking spaces but a lack of alternatives to driving. MCBH's parking problem would be more efficiently solved by developing alternative forms of transportation. Focusing most of our resources into building new parking lots, sometimes at the expense of alternative transportation programs would be a waste of those resources. To reduce the number of people who drive to the hangar area, I say we should take an approach similar to that of major college campuses, making other methods of transportation more convenient and available to Sailors and Marines. A program needs to be developed and geared toward reducing the number of people who drive.

In my reverse logic, I submit that if you create more parking spaces you will encourage more people to drive to work. Reducing or maintaining the current parking spots around the hangar area while providing a convenient, reliable, and free bus service from the housing and barracks areas will not only reduce the congestion in this cramped hangar area, but it will also save individual Sailors and Marines money in wasted fuel, driving around, trying to find that prime spot. In addition, Sailors and Marines can be dropped off right at the front door of their workspaces, saving them time ... no more wasted time having to go see the "Parking Judge" when they do get a ticket.

Speaking from experience, using a bus to get from rack-to-work is not foreign to many of the Sailors who work in the hangars on

The commanding general invites input from the base community via the CG's Mailbox on the following topics:

- What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing?
- What are we not doing that we should be doing?
- What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address.

E-mail your suggestions to the commanding general at CGMAIL@mcbh.usmc.mil.

If you don't have an e-mail account, you can fax

your suggestions to 257-3290, or you can mail them to:

Commanding General
(Attn: CG Mail)
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Your suggestions can also be dropped off in person on base at the Adjutant's office in building 216, Room 1.

(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)

the flight line. Take Diego Garcia, for instance; there, with the exception of COs, XO's, Command Master Chiefs, and the Ready Alert Crew, everyone must set their schedule to the bus service. After a few weeks, everyone has it down to a science ... no parking problem there.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii already has a bus route plan, it is used during every BayFest and, most recently, during the Blues on the Bay show. A study or survey should be done to gauge interest in a free bus service. Should the survey show that the number of cars being driven and parked in the hangar area can be reduced, then a 2-3 month trial to determine the barriers to bus use for those who will use the service can be conducted. The details of who will provide the drivers, and whether or not to build bus shelters where the temporary tents were during the Blue Angels' show will have to be worked out, and if the cost of running this service would be better than spending hundreds of thousands, if not millions, on a new parking lot or garage.

Converting some, if not most, of the closest, prime parking stalls into "Car Pool Only" will give incentive for those who drive from off base housing areas to car pool. Again, this will save our service men and women time and money. Park+Ride facilities are another alternative.

Sir, these are just a couple of my suggestions for what we (you) can be doing better onboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Thank you for providing this venue for our Sailors and Marines to make these suggestions.

V/r

Chief T. Stevens
COMPATRECONWINGTWO,
Tactical Support Facility

Dear Chief Stevens,
The commanding general asked me to respond to your e-mail from Oct. 16 because

Sincerely,
Kent Murata, Assistant Chief of Staff G4

Word on the street What is your favorite Native American movie of all time and why?



Petty Officer 2nd Class
Amanda Goit
Aircraft Electrician
Patrol Squadron 47

"Windtalkers' because of how patriotic the Native Americans are portrayed in the film."



Sgt. Arturo Vigil
Auditor
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

"Dances with Wolves' because it portrays both sides to the viewer equally."



Lance Cpl. Kyle Guppy
Adjutant Clerk
G-1, Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

"Dances with Wolves' because it shows what it was really like for the Native Americans."



Petty Officer 2nd Class
Sidney Jenkins
Aircraft Electrician
Patrol Squadron 47

"Last of the Mohicans' because it had such a good story to it. It was really sad."



Cpl. Samuel J. Biles
Machinegunner
India Company, 3rd Battalion,
3rd Marine Regiment

"Dances with Wolves' because I really liked how it showed the extreme change of the main character."



Salutes

Units wanting to submit information for "Salutes" should send an e-mail to editor@hawaii marine.com or call 257-8836.

New defense act increases pay, provides benefits

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— President Bush signed the \$420.6 billion National Defense Authorization Act Oct. 28.

The bill makes up 19.9 percent of the total fiscal 2005 federal budget and 3.6 percent of the gross domestic product. Last year, the percentages were 20.2 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

The authorization act is the second of two bills that had to become law for the Defense Department to operate. The first is the Defense Appropriations Act, which the president signed into law Aug. 5. The appropriations act provides the money; the authorization act gives DoD the OK to spend it.

The bill raises the end-strength level of the Army and Marine Corps by 20,000 and 3,000, respectively. Army end-strength will be set at 502,000; Marines, 178,000.

In addition, the bill funds a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for service members and eliminates out-of-pocket expenses for housing by increasing the basic allowance for housing. The bill also makes permanent increases in hostile fire/imminent danger pay to \$225 per month and in family separation pay to \$250 per month.

The bill also allows the base realignment and closure process to move forward. The House version of the bill would have delayed the process for two years.

The bill authorizes a number of programs for reserve-component service members.

On the medical side, it provides for up to 90 days of Tricare coverage for reservists and their families who are mobilized. It also author-

izes 180 days of transitional Tricare health benefits for reservists, active-duty members and their families after separation from active duty.

In addition, members of the selected reserve earn a year's eligibility for Tricare for each 90 days of service in a contingency. "If a Guardsman or reservist has served for at least 30 days called up on a contingency operation, then had 90 days of service," said Dr. William Winkenwerder in an Oct. 29 interview, "for each 90 days of service, they're eligible for a full year of Tricare coverage if they sign up for another year of reserve service." Winkenwerder is assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The bill authorizes a new reserve-component educational assistance program tied to the Montgomery GI Bill. The provision has different rates, depending on the length of active-duty service. It is 40 percent for service of 90 days to one year, 60 percent for one year to two years, and 80 percent for more than two consecutive years.

The bill also speeds up concurrent-receipt payments for retirees rated 100 percent disabled. In the past, retirees had their pay docked dollar for dollar by the amount of disability payments the Department of Veterans Affairs paid them. Last year, Congress authorized a phase-in process that would eliminate the concurrent-receipt prohibition over a decade.

On the family- and bachelor-housing front, the bill eliminates a statutory ceiling on the privatization of housing. In the program, which allows DoD to leverage public money with private contractors, the services can build and renovate family and bachelor housing.

DUIs are career killers

(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the *Hawaii Marine* newspaper.)

•Oct. 30, Petty Officer 3rd Squadron 4, for driving under the influence.



Above — The Kaneohe Rifle Range Training Facility offers a number of different ranges to ensure the required weapons training of service members stationed here.

Inset — The scope mounted on the M40-A3 sniper rifle helps ensure that the rounds from the rifle are dead on.

In the crosshairs

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Jerome L. Edwards
Press Chief

Scout Snipers with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment took part in the elevated firing portion of the urban sniper course put on by members of the Special Operations Training Group Friday at the Kaneohe Rifle

Range Training Facility here.

The Special Operations Training Group is responsible for providing Marines with different aspects of special operations training, including amphibious warfare, reconnaissance, insertion/extraction tactics, urban warfare, and survival evasion resistance and escape. It is comprised of Marine Corps instructors in different areas of expertise, and is the tip of the Marine Corps' special operations spear.

"Basically, we did angle fire from the top of the crater at a 25-degree angle and at a range of 350 to 500 meters," said Sgt. Daniel Middleton, a recon surveillance and urban sniper instructor with SOTG, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "The overall concept of today's training was to give the students a chance to study the ballistics of the round as it travels from high angles to low, and vice versa.

"The course also gives [the students] a chance to work out the mathematics and the ballistic efficiency and cosigns of varying angles in order to hit point of aim point of impact with the first shot that they fire."

As with any training

conducted in the Marine Corps, the urban sniper course relies on instruction and practical application to ensure the Marines' comfort and familiarization with the missions that, in this case, the sniper will be performing.

"The purpose of this training is not only to build confidence, but also to build the shooters techniques when they do angle firing," added Middleton. "If they're ever in a situation where they're on top of a building and shooting down into a street 10 to 15 stories, then they're able to apply the fundamentals, mathematics and the theory in order to take out a target from those ranges.

He said today's technology helped prove, in the students' eyes, that mathematics and theories work.

"Of the rounds fired, we had more than a 50 percent hit ratio and at ranges of 500 meters and with the winds blowing the way they were it was a relatively good day of training," said Middleton.

Middleton also added this type of training is key in many different environments.

"This type of training is invaluable when it comes to not only urban warfare but mountainous warfare as well, in order to take out targets that are in valleys or on the ridge line and things of that nature," he said. "The overall objective of this course is to bring the basic sniper to a level of proficiency where he is able to engage multiple targets using rapid



Sgt. Dale Nissen, a scout sniper instructor with Combat Assault Company sights in and sends rounds down range at the targets in the impact area of Ulupau Crater Friday.



Half human size targets were placed 350 meters away and at an angle of 25 degrees to help the shooters get their true zeros before firing on other targets.

bolt manipulation at unknown distances and at varying angles of shooting."

One of our milestones during the course is to be able to engage five targets at different ranges within a 12-second time frame with the M40-A3 sniper rifle," said Middleton.

The scout snipers of 2/3 all agreed that the training they received from the SOTG members would definitely come in handy during just about any situation.

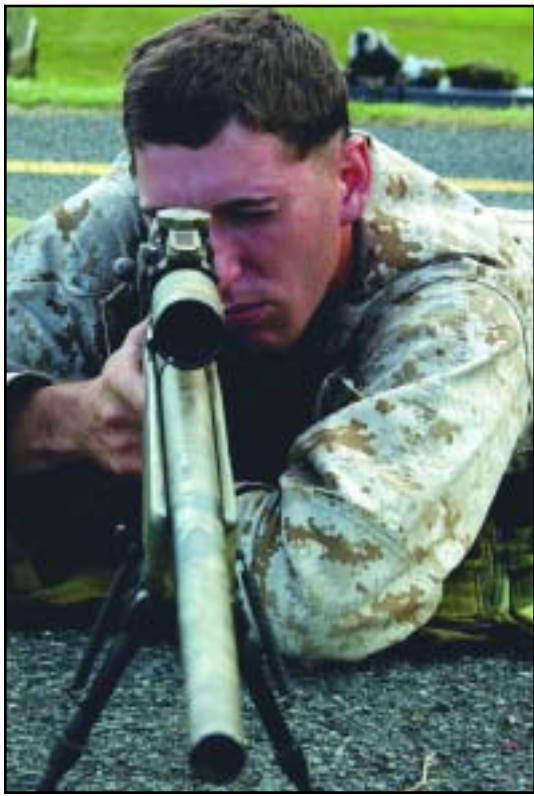
"The SOTG urban sniper course is a perfect opportunity for the snipers

of 2/3 to get the training they could need in any type of deployment, wherever it may be," said 2nd Lt. Robert Long, Scout Sniper Platoon Commander with 2/3. "I think this training is applicable not only in an urban environment, but to any situation you may find yourself in and it definitely gives us a few more tools to put in our tool box in order complete our mission."

"The mission of the scout sniper is to be the only organic intelligence gathering asset to the Marine battalion," said Long. "We call ourselves the eyes, ears, and trigger finger of the battalion commander, in that we can provide him intelligence that nobody else can, and we can also provide that precision direct fire that he may need at any given time."

Middleton went on to say that he was extremely impressed with the professionalism and adaptability of the scout snipers from 2/3.

"These shooters are definitely the best shooters in the Marine Corps in their field," he said.



Sgt. Seth Stanton, scout sniper, sights in through the scope mounted on his M40-A3 sniper rifle.



Cpl. Ronnie Bustamante, a 2/3 scout sniper, extracts and chambers a new round in his M40-A3 sniper rifle while engaging targets down range Friday at Ulupau Crater.



Above — Cpl. Ronnie Bustamante (left), fires rounds down range as Sgt. Seth Stanton watches the rounds impact targets down range.



Left — The M40-A3 sniper rifle is the weapon of choice for the Marines of the scout sniper platoon in 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment.

Base Safety and MPs keep residents aware

HPD, DLNR help base officials prevent injuries

**Story and Photos by
Cpl. Jessica M. Mills**

Sports Editor

The Base Safety Office and the Provost Marshals Office joined forces Saturday at the Mokapu Mall here to educate base residents on the importance of car seat and bike safety as well as crime prevention.

All three events, the Car Seat Inspection, the Bike Rodeo and the Crime Prevention Fair, generated plenty of interest from base residents throughout the day, with the help of outside organizations such as the Honolulu Police Department, and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Car Seat Inspection was organized by the Base Safety Office, and gave residents a chance to have their car seats inspected by professional safety specialists. The specialists checked to make sure the seats were in good condition and properly installed into the resident's vehicles. They also checked to ensure there were no recalls on any of the incoming car seats.

"It's a great service, especially when you are new at this [parenthood]," said Lt. Col. Tony Abati, the director of Plans, Policy and Doctrine with Special

Operations Command Pacific, Camp Smith. "Reading the directions on the car seat is fine, but to have an expert look over the seat for you and ensure that your personal legacy, your child, is safe — well, you just can't go wrong. It really is a tremendous service."

The Bike Rodeo was also organized by Base Safety, but most of the inspections were completed by local police officers volunteering their time from HPD.

"We support bicycle safety and spend as much time as we can teaching youth the importance of it," said Sonny Oliveros, police officer with HPD. "Statistics show that the majority of bicycle fatalities are from head injuries, mostly due to an improper helmet.

"So we make sure to check their helmets are intact and correctly adjusted for them," Oliveros continued. "We also check their bicycles to make sure they have good, sturdy frames, good air pressure, and straight handle bars."

Riders also had some fun completing a bicycle obstacle course, where they practiced maneuvering around cones placed strategically on the parking lot.

The MCB Hawaii Crime Prevention Fair had the most amount of manpower Saturday, with local volunteers from the HPD and DLNR along with military policeman from PMO.

During the day, the Department of Land and Natural Resources answered questions and handed out free gifts to inform the public about fishing, hunt-

ing and natural resources that have laws surrounding them and their use.

Honolulu Police Department representatives came from the robbery, juvenile services and financial fraud divisions to speak with base residents about crime prevention and safety.

"Always be aware of your surroundings, and don't walk alone," said HPD Detective Herbert Soria, with Robbery Detail. "You also never want to carry large amounts of money on your person, and when you do walk around, make sure you emit confidence and make eye contact. Robbers and criminals are looking for an easy target, some one that will surrender easily."

The Military Police Department and the HPD reminded everyone that if you are a victim of a crime, whether on or off base, report it to the area's criminal authorities immediately.

According to Soria, the more details you can remember the better chance the police have of catching the criminal.

Volunteers also warned against leaving personal information out in the open. Criminals who commit identity fraud often get the vital information by "dumpster diving" or stealing your purse or wallet.

"You have to guard your information, and always know where it is," said Brian M. Lynch, a detective with the financial fraud detail, HPD. "But, if you are a victim of identity fraud, you should contact the local authorities right away, and inform all three national credit bureaus. That way they won't play ball with any of these criminals."

The crime prevention fair was also the public debut of the new military police mobile command center, which will be used for large events on base and emergency incident response.

Each of these mobile units cost more than \$300,000, and the Marine Corps bought one for each military base in the Corps. According to Master Sgt. Jordan, the unit is completely self-sustained with cellular, satellite and LAN line phones; color, closed circuit television; and three workstations that are LAN, phone and radio capable.

The new units will be used for MCB Hawaii only, including Camp Smith, in the case of critical incident response, destructive weather, and as a backup center for PMO.



Above — Family member Katie Dougherty, 6, rides through the bicycle obstacle course as Sonny Oliveros, a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department, watches to see what skills she has learned.



Left — Sonny Oliveros inspects the bike of Katie Dougherty and explains the importance of good tire pressure.



Eric Wong, a conservation officer with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, hands Alex Bowen, 6, a family member, some free pencils and other gifts from DLNR during the Crime Prevention Fair Saturday at Mokapu Mall.



Below — Harold Sharrer, the explosive safety officer with the Base Safety Office, makes sure that this infant car seat base is securely strapped into the vehicle.

Financial responsibility continues

Planning minimizes money difficulties

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Sports Editor

Leaving on deployment can be difficult. With all the other details that need to be addressed, making a financial plan may seem daunting, but planning ahead may minimize financial hardships for Marines, Sailors and their families.

“Having a financial plan for deployment is not much different from employing good planning with general finances,” said Ed Josiah, personal financial management counselor with Marine and Family Services. “You should still plan on the same goals and responsibilities, such as your bills and family obligations.”

According to Josiah, Marines and Sailors should start setting up their financial management plan as soon as they get word that they are deploying.

“Not doing anything is the worst thing you can do,” said Josiah. “Starting early and communicating is the best plan of action.”

Josiah sees the most problems in military families where one person is deemed the financial manager. The problem comes about when the responsible party is deployed, and the spouse is left unprepared.

“These families must learn to communicate who is responsible for the bills, what will they be paying, when are they due, and what type of funds does the family have to work with,” said Josiah. “A good question to ask is if the remaining spouse or family member has the resources to pay the bills. Do they have the skills? They must understand a leave and earning statement and the timing of the bills.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Cpl. Jase VanEmmerik, duty driver with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment hands over his credit card to Kathleen Watts at the Marine Corps Exchange. Service members are advised against overspending before and after deployment.

Otherwise, they are lost.”

Josiah stressed the importance of Marines and Sailors communicating with their families and banks or credit unions as soon as they find out they are deploying.

“A good way to ensure that your finances are taken care of on time is to set up allotments through the Defense Finance Accounting System, or use an automatic bill-pay system which can be set up through your bank or credit union,” he continued. “Also, if you have access to a computer while in the field, you can pay your bills online.”

Sometimes, due to legal issues, it can be a hassle for spouses to handle all the bills. Many banks will not allow spouses to make with-

drawals or pay bills if their name is not on the account.

“I would recommend getting a specific power of attorney and then going to the bank and communicating with them that your spouse or family member will be handling all the finances, due to deployment,” he said. “Banks and credit unions are not required to accept power of attorneys, so make sure they are aware of the situation and that they will accept the documents.”

For junior Marines, a deployment can be a good time to think about long-term goals and savings.

“Deployments may not be fun, but they are a really great opportunity for junior Marines

and Sailors to empower themselves financially,” he commented. “They should think about setting aside some of the extra money they make on deployment, especially if they are going to an area that is tax free.”

The best way to prepare for making a financial plan is to establish goals and discuss them with a financial manger. Marines, Sailors and their family members have the option of making an appointment with Josiah, and his services are free of charge.

Otherwise, if they feel more comfortable going off base, most banks and credit unions employ personal financial managers.

“Good questions to ask are ‘Where do I want to be financially when I get back?’ and ‘What are my short and long term goals?’” said Josiah. “A financial counselor may do an assessment of you financial situation. He may also tell you to pay off certain bills before a deployment to make sure they do not go delinquent.

“The only way to know is to go and speak with a counselor and see what needs to be taken care of. But you must start early,” he continued. “The resources are there, between base, banks and credit unions, there is no reason to not plan ahead.”

If spouses and/or family members have problems with their financial plan at any time during their service member’s deployment, they can also see the base financial manager free of charge.

“Deployments are not going to be fun, but they can be very financially rewarding if you do it right,” said Josiah.

For more information, or to make an appointment with a personal financial management counselor, call Marine and Family Services at 257-7783.

HECO, From A-1

of 15 nominees for 2004,” said John Dunbar, the resource efficiency manager with Base Facilities. “A three-member panel judged all nominees. The panel consisted of persons that are considered experts in their respective fields.”

According to Dunbar, MCB Hawaii completed several significant energy savings projects in a range of facilities. These projects included improvements to aircraft hangar lighting; retail and warehouse facilities lighting and air conditioning controls; and installation of energy efficient lighting and solar hot water heating in new housing units.

Hangars 101–105 were retrofitted with new 400 watt, adjustable dual reflector metal halide light fixtures manufactured

by StingRay Lighting. A day-lighting control system was also installed, which automatically turns off a zone of lights when not needed due to adequate sunlight through the skylights and open hangar doors.

According to Dunbar, the Marine Corps Exchange Annex (building 1089), and warehouse (building 1404), were also retrofitted with new lighting and variable frequency drives on the air-conditioning air handling units. Energy efficient StingRay light fixtures were installed in the storage warehouse, furniture store, Toyland and outdoor living facilities.

However, MCB Hawaii didn’t stop at making just work sites more energy efficient. It extended its commitment to housing as well. T8 fluorescent lights with electronic ballasts, compact fluores-

cent lighting and solar hot water heating were all some of the additions to the more than 180 new housing units.

According to Bill Nutting, the MCB Hawaii Energy Manager, “The award recognizes the base’s efforts to reduce the energy we use, that is derived from foreign oil, through improvements in efficiency and wider use of renewable energy. The projects recognized by this award are representative of our continuing energy efficiency improvement program.”

With all the improvements in the various facilities, MCB Hawaii cut its annual energy consumption by more than 40 percent, earning Hawaiian Electric rebates of more than \$190,000 with an overall payback period of five-and-a-half years.



Sgt. Jerome L. Edwards

Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III (right), commanding general MCB Hawaii, receives the HECO Energy Efficiency Award, Oct. 28.

MALS-24 dominates Corporal’s Course

Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards
Press Chief

Three Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 took top honors at the Corporal’s Course 1-05 graduation, held at Regimental Schools here recently.

From day one of boot camp, every recruit is taught every Marine is a leader. However, to aid in the development of the Corps’ leaders and to ensure the Corps’ leadership traits and principles are fully understood, professional military education courses are readily available and encouraged.

“The course’s reputation definitely preceded itself,” said Corporal’s Course honor graduate Cpl. Tervor Ziliponi with MALS-24. “It was mentally and physically demanding and very exhausting.”

The course curriculum covers both physical training as well as many hours of classroom time.

“I thought the course was great and the curriculum was well rounded,” said third place finisher Cpl. Gregory Donohoe with MALS-24. “The course focused on leadership. The course instills in you what being a corporal is all about. It also helps you figure out your leadership style and how to develop all the things you learned during the course.”

Marines by nature are naturally competitive, and the MALS-24 Marines showed not



only they were up to the challenge, but they were also playing for all bragging rights.

“We all saw each other doing well,” said Donohoe. “So one day we got together and said ‘Hey, let’s bring it home, for the command, not only for us, but lets try as hard as we can to get one, two, and three and make the command look good, because it’s where we’re from.’”

The MALS Marines said their hard work and dedication wasn’t the only thing leading to their overall success in the course, though.

“I think what also led to it is a lot of people come to the course with the wrong attitude and they could care less how they do. They think ‘I just want to get through,’” said Gung Ho awardee and second place finisher Cpl. Murray McNichol with MALS-24. “For the three of us, I think it was competition between us from the [start], and I think that is a lot of what helped us stay on top cause we weren’t only competing with the rest of the class, it was with each other as well.”

There was one piece of advice all three recent graduates of Corporals’ Course had for any corporal that has been selected to attend a course.

“Make sure you’re prepared,” they all said in unison. “Make sure your uniforms are squared away and you are ready to store a lot of knowledge in your brain housing group.”



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Three Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 took top honors in Corporal’s Course 1-05: (from left) Gung Ho Award recipient and second place finisher Cpl. Murray McNichol; third place finisher Cpl. Gregory Donohoe; and honor graduate Cpl. Tervor Ziliponi.

Donated DVDs relieve boredom



Sgt. Luis R. Agostini

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey B. Owens, 21, a supply clerk with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment is one of several Marines currently recovering from shrapnel wounds at Bravo Surgical Company in Camp Fallujah, Iraq.

Sgt. Luis R. Agostini and Sgt. Enrique S. Diaz
1st Force Service Support Group

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — There’s only so many times you can watch the same movie over and over again, especially when you’re laid up at Camp Fallujah’s Bravo Surgical Company, recovering from wounds sustained in battle.

Like old buddies dropping off movies for a sick friend, Marines stationed at Camp Fallujah, Iraq, are donating DVDs to the company’s recovery ward.

“Our wounded Marines are often in limited mobility, and could use a little entertainment,” said Sgt. Maj. Carlos Rios, sergeant major for I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group.

Before the donation drive officially began Oct. 18, the patients had only three DVDs to pass around amongst each other. After a base-wide e-mail from

the base sergeant major, soliciting donations for their injured brethren, the recovering service members now have more than 20 selections to choose from.

A platoon comedian, Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Oliver, a communications wireman with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, uses the recovery time to hone his craft.

“I watch the movies and try to pick up new material,” said Oliver, a 20-year-old native of Tampa, Fla., who was injured during a mortar attack.

Stacked on the top shelf of a bookcase in a dimly lit room, with five green cots on each side, action and comedy seems to be favored genres of the Marines.

Their growing collection includes “Hulk,” “Austin Powers: Goldmember,” “Braveheart,” and “The Simpsons,” which the Marines agree is their favorite. Some of the DVDs have been purchased; others have been sacrificed from Marines’ personal collections.

Unfortunately, there’s one piece of the puzzle missing for the Marines — a DVD remote control.

“Since I’m the closest [to the TV], I usually [have] to get up and take out and put in the DVDs,” said Lance Cpl. Jeffrey B. Owens, 21, a supply clerk with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “Sometimes we just call for the nurse.”

Owens, a native of Harlan, Ky., is recovering from a wound sustained during a rocket attack here.

With limited mobility, and still physically and mentally recovering from the attacks, the movies help the wounded take their minds off of the pain.

“We watch these movies all day long, just so we don’t think about what happened,” said Owens.

“There’s been a lot of support from the Marines here,” said Cpl. Luciano Macias, a vehicle commander with 2nd Amphibious Assault Vehicle Battalion, who was hit in the chest with shrapnel during a Fallujah firefight. “It makes me feel good that they [Marines] are taking time out to check up on us, see how we’re doing.”

LRC, From A-1

Resource Management.

The center also provides up-to-date information technology training, including more than 150 courses such as CISCO certification, Microsoft certification, and Microsoft Office Training. The facility offers many other tools for service members to use, such as Excel, PowerPoint, Word, free Internet access and printing capabilities.

New programs recently added at the LRC include a common logistics command and control system virtual trainer, a combat service support management tool, and a U.S. Army tutorial on how to conduct an escort of a convoy.

They are now also offering a drivers improvement course called Driving for Life program, which is a requirement for military personnel under 26 years old. Now, instead of service members

sitting in a classroom for an entire day, they can complete the course online and receive their Drivers Improvement Card.

The most important and recent change in the LRC is its restriction on use. The LRC will no longer be able to provide services to family members, contractors or DoD employees for an undetermined period of time. The only authorized users are active duty and reserve service members. The contract for the LRC has been renewed until September 2005, so more changes are expected.

The LRC is open for a total of 60 hours a week for use. The current times and hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information about the MCB Hawaii Distance Learning Center, contact Adam Wazzan 257-8724.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Cpl. Renee Wheeler, a musician with the Marine Forces Pacific Band, uses the online capabilities at the Learning Resource Center to research educational opportunities on the Web. Marines and Sailors can also fulfill their Marine Corps Institute requirements at the LRC.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, hands Jessica Martinez, 4, a certificate of achievement in honor of her family winning Yard of the Quarter for the Pa Honua Housing Area during the fourth quarter.

Sailors from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two were congratulated by Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, and his wife, Zoe, for winning the the Command Area of the Quarter.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

CG awards Yard of the Quarter recipients

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Sports Editor

The commanding general of MCB Hawaii, Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, recognized the eight Yard of the Quarter Program award recipients for the fourth quarter of 2004 at his home, overlooking Pyramid Rock Beach, Thursday.

“This award is an excellent way to recognize these residents’ efforts,” said Glenn Lambert, the Yard of the Quarter program manager here. “These winners are the best of the best. They are able to fulfill all of their military duties and still keep their homes well-maintained.”

The base inspector and Lambert scan through all of the housing areas each quarter to pick the winners of the award. They look for the best edging, mowing and trimming jobs in each section. Any other landscaping just adds to the appeal of the property.

“The yard should be aesthetically

pleasing; it should be the most premiere home in all the quarters,” said Lambert. “The awardees’ homes stood out above all the rest for this quarter, which lasts from Oct. 1 until Dec. 31. Each new quarter we wipe the slate clean, so whoever puts in the most effort will win.”

The Yard of the Quarter award winners received a certificate of achievement signed by Trautman, as well as one of his One-Star Flag Coins. The Marine Forces Pacific Band also attended the ceremony, and performed a number of compositions in honor of the award winners.

“This is a great privilege,” said Liz Carpenter, a family member and Yard of the Quarter winner. “We always try to put a lot of work into our yard. We enjoy making it look as nice as possible, and I’m sure every one else here does, too.”

The Yard of the Quarter Program is hosted by the Family Housing Office here, and encompasses all nine of the Family Housing Areas throughout MCB Hawaii, including Camp Smith and Manana Housing areas.

The Command Barracks of the Quarter, the Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Complex, building 386; and the Command Area of the Quarter, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two, were also recognized during the ceremony.

4th Quarter 2004 Yard of the Quarter Award Winners

Hilltop/Hillside/Pond Road
Cmdr. Bradley and Elizabeth Carpenter
Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2

Capehart
Maj. Tim and Deborah Schroeder
Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Smith

Ulupau/Nani Ulupau
Sgt. William and Francia Galloway
2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

Rainbow
Sgt. Francisco and Melissa Cortez
Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
12th Marine Regiment

Pa Honua
Sgt. Fernando and Maria Martinez
Combat Service Support Group 3

Hana Like
Sgt. Jimmy and Irene Hutson
Headquarters Battalion

Hawaii Loa
Staff Sgt. Jimmy and Naomi Lovato
Combat Service Support Group 3

Manana/ Camp Smith
Master Sgt. Delfino and Lupe Auguiano
Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Smith

Command Barracks
Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Complex,
Building 386

Command Area
Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance
Wing Two

MEMORIAL, *From A-1*

combat related vehicle accident Oct. 24, will be honored during the service. Slocum was the first casualty of Operation Iraqi Freedom for Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Lukac enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 2003 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during February 2004 where he trained to become a Rifleman. In February, Lukac was assigned to 1/3. Riedel enlisted in the Marine Corps September 2003 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during March where he trained to become a rifleman. After gradua-

tion in March he was assigned to 1/3. Bow enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 2003 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during February where he trained to become a machine gunner. In February, Bow was assigned to 1/3. Byrd enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 2001 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during June 2002 where he trained to become a rifleman. In June 2002, Byrd was assigned to 1/3. Fox enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 2002 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during October 2002 where he trained to become a rifleman. In November

2002, Fox was assigned to 1/3. Scarborough enlisted in the Marine Corps in December 2001 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during May 2002 where he trained to become a rifleman. In June 2002, Scarborough was assigned to 1/3. Lapka enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 2002 and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., during June 2002 where he trained to become a rifleman. He was assigned to 1/3 in October 2002. Nearly 1,000 Marines and Sailors from 1/3 were attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in August and arrived in Iraq in October.

ANTHRAX, *From A-1*

clusion by the court that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was required to solicit additional public comments before finalizing the FDA's conclusion the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective for the protection against inhalation anthrax. According to a DoD press release, the injunction doesn't question the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine or the immunization program. The DoD remains convinced that the anthrax immunization program complies with all the legal requirements and that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective. Pending resolution of the legal issues the secretary of defense has directed to stop giving anthrax vaccinations until further notice, per a memorandum signed Oct. 27. At this time, voluntary vaccination via an informed consent is not allowed even if Marines are undergoing the six

shot series or need their annual booster, regardless of their location, according to Marine Administrative Message 479/04. "This doesn't mean that they will have to start their six shot series over again, it just means that it will 'shift the window,'" said Cmdr. Andrew Spencer, deputy force surgeon, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific. "It is sort of like getting your oil change. If you are a month late getting your oil changed, you just get it changed and the time starts from there." While DoD waits for final approval, all vaccines are being sent back to the distribution point. All vaccines within the Marine Corps are sent out from military treatment hospitals. For Hawaii Marine Corps and Navy bases that is Shipyard Clinic, Pearl Harbor, said Spencer. For now, though, Marines and sailors will have to just wait for the FDA to finalize its conclusion regarding the anthrax vaccine.

BUSH, *From A-1*

In Afghanistan, the United States will continue to work with allies from around the world to hunt down the remnants of al Qaeda and the Taliban still intent on stopping progress in the country. Coalition forces are bringing jobs, money and hope to a region that three years ago was foundering under an extremist, totalitarian rule. But the war on terrorism is not just a military operation. Bush also has vowed to address the problems that lead people to terrorism in the first place. The United States is working with friends and allies around the world to promote democracy and export freedom. The president promised to continue the transformation of the U.S. military to a force capable of besting the threats of the 21st century.



Hawaii Marine File Photo

Happy birthday, Marines

MCB Hawaii will celebrate the 229th Birthday of the Marine Corps Tuesday with a traditional Uniform Pageant and Cake Cutting Ceremony at Pop Warner Field. The pageant begins at 10 a.m. and will showcase portrayals of Marines from different war eras since the Corps' birth. Tuesday's Uniform of the Day is Service Charlies.